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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: LOW FARE FILINGS AND RELATED TOPICS

REFS A. STATE 1337, B. PRAGUE 3633, C. STATE 276158  
D. PRAGUE 3227, E. STATE 264671

1. CHARGE' HANDED ZANTOVSKY, HEAD OF MFA'S SIXTH DEPARTMENT,  
NOTE JAN 16 BASED ON REF A AND RESPONDING TO MFA'S DEC 19  
NOTE (REF B).

2. SUBSTANTIVE PORTIONS OF OUR NOTE (FULL TEXT BEING POUCHED)  
FOLLOWS: QUOTE: IN REPLY TO THE MINISTRY'S QUERY AS TO  
THE REASONS FOR THE UNITED STATES' DISSATISFACTION WITH THE TARIFF  
REVISIONS FILED BY CZECHOSLOVAK AIRLINES ON OCTOBER 14, 1977, THE  
EMBASSY HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO COMMUNICATE THE FOLLOWING.  
UNTIL THE COMPETITIVE IMPACT OF THE CURRENT RANGE OF NEW,  
LOW-FARE FILINGS CAN BE EVALUATED, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT'S  
POSITION IS THAT THESE DEEP DISCOUNT FARES MUST BE CONSIDERED  
EXPERIMENTAL AND SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF AN AD HOC AGREEMENT,  
AS OUTLINED IN THE EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 263 OF NOVEMBER 7, 1977.  
THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IS NOT DISSATISFIED WITH LOWER FARES  
PERSE, BUT UNTIL IT IS CLEARER WHAT THEIR IMPACT WILL BE ON THE  
CURRENT STRUCTURE OF TRANSATLANTIC SERVICES AND PARTICULARLY ON  
THE CHARTER AIRLINES, THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MUST CONSIDER  
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THEM AS EXPERIMENTAL IN NATURE. THE FARES IN QUESTION CANNOT COME  
INTO

EFFECT UNTIL AN AD HOC AGREEMENT IS REACHED BY BOTH GOVERNMENTS  
THAT THESE LOW-FARE FILINGS ARE EXPERIMENTAL AND WILL NOT  
CONTINUE IN EFFECT AFTER MARCH 31, 1978, IF THE SUMMER 1978  
SEASON SUCCEEDING LOW FARE FILINGS CANNOT BE AGREED UPON.

IN THIS REGARD, THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING THE  
MINISTRY'S RESPONSE TO ITS NOTE NO. 263 AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE  
DATE. UNQUOTE.

3. IN RESPONSE, ZANTOVSKY NOTED THAT CSA HAD FILED NEW FARES  
ONLY BECAUSE PAN AM HAD DONE SO. WE REMINDED HIM THAT WE ARE STILL  
AWAITING A REPLY TO OUR NOV 7 NOTE (REF D).

4. COMMENT: LOCAL PAN AM REP, COLLINS HAY, SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS  
FROM CSA SOURCE THAT GOC WOULD PROBABLY PROMPTLY AGREE TO  
AD HOC AGREEMENT (REFS D AND E) ON EXPERIMENTAL NATURE OF PROPOSED  
NEW LOW FARES IF IT WERE ASSURED THAT USG WOULD THEN ALLOW  
CURRENTLY SUSPENDED FARES TO GO INTO EFFECT IMMEDIATELY.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS FROM REF C AND  
OTHER MESSAGES THAT USG WILL PROMPTLY LIFT SUSPENSION ONCE AD HOC  
AGREEMENT IS REACHED, WE WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING DEPARTMENT'S  
ADVICE ASAP AS TO WHETHER OUR INTERPRETATION IS CORRECT. IF SO,  
PLEASE ADVISE US WHETHER WE CAN SO INFORM MFA IN EFFORT TO PROD  
GOC INTO REACHING SUCH AN AD HOC AGREEMENT WITHOUT FURTHER  
DELAY.

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